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Spectral Analysis of Solid Deposits Derived from Liquid

Mixtures

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EXAMINER

Fannie L. Evans

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of August 9, 2006, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended to incorporate new drawing figures and associated amendments to the specification. In addition, applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-21 and 28-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 101.